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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 17, 2008, and marked final, a reply to which is due July 17, 2008 with a one-month extension of time, a petition for which is concurrently filed herewith, please consider the following to advance prosecution on the merits:

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this submission.

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This amendment and response is being filed with a request for continued examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.